

Re Godley Peaks Station

Saturday, 5 October 2024

To Whom it may Concern

The original house was a cobb house with a thatched roof.

The shearers quarters nearby were added onto and eventually became the homestead where dining rooms, bedrooms kept appearing as an added addition.

The homestead was on a low riverbed level, cold and damp and in need of major repair. We had plans for a new homestead in our "one day" dream. To be situated to incorporate the natural beauty of Godley Peaks the land, the lakes, and the mountains. Our intentions were to build on the lake frontage within the free hold boundaries. We did not consider sites outside of the free hold boundaries.

The homestead would be built of our natural resources timber and stones and built into the side of a hill to blend in with our natural environment.

To be living in a closer proximity to the irrigation scheme for making hay, feeding out and a whanau room for lunch breaks, meetings, and bathroom facilities.

These plans had to be put away as in the early 1980's our old woolshed was destroyed overnight in a huge windstorm. We had no shearing shed. We built a new shearing shed, same spot as the old one, designed by shearers, using local trades people where possible.

The new woolshed was a pleasant working environment for people and for our merino sheep.

I have viewed Warrens proposed site. If this site was within the then free hold boundaries, we may well have considered it. Regardless, if the woolshed had not have blown down it is likely a homestead would have been built on the lake frontage.

It has always been "The Scott / Lewis family" or the "Lewis / Scott family" as far back as several generations ago from my late husband Bruce Scott and Warren's late father Peter Lewis as school friends and into adult friends.

Warren is our Godson, and we have always had his support and love through our life time at Godley Peaks.

We have watched and grown with Warren through his years of school education and then into the Fairview Aluminium business in Timaru and then the move to Auckland.

Warren has always been a true loyal and honest worker and supporter in any situation that has faced him. He has worker hard to understand each situation and to leave it in a better position than what he found it.

He has a very high standard of thinking and working and a loyal attitude to all the people whether it be work or social he comes into contact with.

E. M. Smith

He has a genuine love of the Mackenzie high country and I know he will carry out and improve the planning of the natural environment of Godley Peaks Station.

Elizabeth Scott (Smith)

Former Mayoress of the Mackenzie District Council.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "E. M. Smith." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'E' and 'M'.